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MIRAL SIMS REFUSES D. S. M. AWARDED HIM

**Refuses to Head Row
over Daniel's Method
Conferring Honors**

RETARY EXPLAINS

**Duty More Perilous Than
and, He Says in Defending
His Naval Awards**

Washington, Dec. 23. — Rumblings of dissatisfaction within the navy at the awards of decorations for service came to the surface today when it became known that Admiral former commander of American forces in European waters, had refused to accept his distinguished service medal, while the awards were being conferred on him.

At the same time, the row which this time had been a smoldering one, gave indications of flaring up again. Chairman Page, of the naval committee, asked for a report on the awarding of the decorations to him tonight. Meanwhile, Senator Luffkin, Republican of Connecticut, a member of the house committee, announced he would be in house to call for a similar report.

As the climax to published news that Secretary Daniels had refused the whole list of awards, some officers to higher distinction than recommended and "blue" others, publication of Admiral Sims' action created a new sensation in the navy department, and a new chapter to the long controversy which some naval officers have gained of the Secretary's administration of affairs and others have deduced him with equal vigor.

Opposes Daniels' Revisions.
The whole thing has been brought head by the action of Admiral Sims, who, writing an official communication to Secretary Daniels from his war college at Newport, R. I., stated that officers for whom he recommended the distinguished service medal—highest of all naval decorations except the congressional medal of honor—received by the Secretary's revision a decoration of less value, and that other officers whose services Admiral Sims considered as of lesser value received the decoration of the more valued decoration.

At the same time, it developed, Admiral Sims sent franked copies of his letter to many naval officers in Washington. His action became known through them, and later today, Daniels gave out the letter, without comment. Earlier in the day, however, Mr. Daniels had announced that he had prepared the report asked for by Senator Page, and tonight, after submitting it to the Senate, made it a copy of it.

Admiral Sims, in his letter, does not refuse his decoration unconditionally. He refuses it under the conditions he outlined and asks for opportunity to explain the reasons for his original recommendations. But the highest award be taken from officer upon whom it already has been conferred, but does ask for a return upward of some of the lesser decorations.

Secretary Daniels' report to Chairman Page, of the senate naval committee, outlines the general policy followed by the secretary in awarding medals and distinctions to naval officers and enlisted men.

Duty Held More Important.
Indicating that the entire controversy that has now come to light revolves around the old navy department disagreement as to which class service, shore or sea, is more important, Secretary Daniels in his report said:

"The value of the duty on shore was recognized but in my opinion it was of the highest importance to have responsibility in order that this should be recognized by the award of the same kind of medals that given to officers charged with responsibility and at the same time in positions of grave danger in active war zone and this was the duty which I held as an officer on shore to be awarded the medal."

Emphasizing his belief that officers engaged in hazardous and responsible duty in the North Sea mining squadrons, the destroyer force, the convoy of the armed guard services, should be given preference in the award of honors over officers serving on shore, even in positions of great responsibility and officers serving with ships in home waters, Secretary Daniels said that "the services rendered by these different forces were recognized by the board of awards in awarding certain medals to the officers in command of the ships and stations concerned, and this plan of procedure was my approval."

With this policy in mind, Secretary Daniels said he had changed, however, the recommendations of the board of awards conferred under Rear Admiral

number of officers serving on shore at home or in home waters so that such officers would receive decorations of lesser value than officers serving in the face of the enemy overseas.

Wide Difference of Opinion.

In contrast to Admiral Sims' statement that the commanding officers of ships sunk by the enemy submarines should not receive decorations, Mr. Daniels in his report said:

"In addition to the recognition of the services rendered by the officers and men of the forces above mentioned, there was also, of course, the case of particular individuals whose conduct was outstanding and who should be singled out for special recognition. It was my opinion that the distinguished service medal should be awarded to those officers in command of ships of the navy which were sunk by submarine attack and whose conduct was meritorious in such cases. I required all these cases to be carefully investigated and as a result of this every officer reported meritorious in command of such a ship was awarded a distinguished service medal."

Commenting on the fact that the Knight board originally recommended only eight officers and men who served in the armed guard on board merchant ships for decorations, the secretary said that in view of the hazardous nature of such duty and after careful investigation he had increased the number of decorations awarded in such cases to 36 navy crosses and two distinguished service medals.

Secretary Daniels, contrasting the relative importance of duties ashore and afloat, said:

"My judgment, individual duties ashore are always and necessarily of secondary importance to duties afloat."

Admiral Sims, in his letter to the secretary, said:

"All individual duties afloat are necessarily of second importance in comparison with the vital importance of directing all operations both ashore and afloat in such a manner as to insure the success of the whole."

"It is realized," said the naval secretary in concluding his report, "that where there have been so many occasions of performance of meritorious service by the 500,000 officers and men in the navy in the great war, there may easily be differences of opinion in regard to the comparative merits of any particular cases, but, under the law and acting by authority of the President, it is the secretary of the navy's duty to make the final decision in such cases. It is believed that the motives and policies as above outlined have been entirely in keeping with the letter and spirit of the law which established these medals and decorations for the navy."

The secretary compiled his report December 18, before the Sims letter reached him.

CONGRESS TO OPEN RED INQUIRY NEXT MONTH

Chairman Lodge Appoints Subcommittee to Investigate Russian Propaganda

Washington, Dec. 23. — Institution early next month of a general congressional inquiry into radical activities in the United States was announced today by leaders in both the senate and house.

Chairman Johnson, of the house immigration committee, returning from New York where he saw the first boat-load of undesirable leave American shores for Soviet Russia, said that his committee planned to resume its hearings on radicalism soon after the holidays at Eastern ports and that in the meantime members of the committee here would review the large mass of seditious documents seized in recent department of justice raids. Representative Johnson incidentally gave out the information that there were many radicals, anarchists and communists in western jails who would follow Alexander Berkman and Emma Goldman and the 247 others from this country.

To conduct the investigation into the activities of Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, "ambassador to the United States from Soviet Russia," and of Russian propaganda in general, ordered by the senate just before the holiday recess began, Chairman Lodge, of the foreign relations committee, today appointed a subcommittee to be headed by Senator Moses, Republican of New Hampshire, and to be composed of Senators Borah of Idaho and Knox of Pennsylvania, Republicans, and Pomeroy of Ohio and Shields of Tennessee, Democrats. Hearings are to be started by the committee soon after the senate reassembles Jan. 5.

Message of Cheer for Deportees.

New York, Dec. 23. — The "Soviet Ark" Buford, sailing for Russia, with its cargo of Reds, in more than one way differs from the ark of biblical times, for instead of having to depend on doves for communication with the outside world, its passengers are receiving messages of cheer by radio from fellow radicals in this country.

Samuel Lipman, who soon will be sent to the federal penitentiary at Atlanta to serve twenty years for violation of the espionage act, today sent a wireless message to Ethel Bernstein, his common law wife, one of the three women deportees aboard the Buford. The message, transmitted through Harry Weinberger, his attorney, said: "Though time and distance separate us, my love goes out to you over the waves."

SHIPS RUN ASHORE IN FOG AND STORM

American Steamer Corozas Reported Drifting Helpless—Other Vessels in Distress

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 23. — The American steamer Corozas, bound from New York to a southern port, was reported tonight to be drifting helpless 20 miles east of Diamond shoal lightship. The naval repair ship Vulcan was standing by the Corozas, which in the face of a heavy gale was being swept by high seas.

Wireless messages late today from the Vulcan brought the first news of the distress of the Corozas and said the navy ship was making an effort to get the vessel in tow. The coast guard cutter Seminole, stationed at Charleston, has been ordered to the assistance of the Vulcan.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 23. — The Old Dominion steamer Madison, with 82 passengers aboard, ran ashore off Grayney Island, Norfolk harbor, in a heavy fog tonight, soon after leaving here for New York. Tugs were sent to the vessel's assistance.

New York, Dec. 23. — The tank steamer J. A. Bostwick has gone ashore eight miles northeast of Sandy Hook. The ship is owned by the United States Shipping board and measures 8,490 tons. She was bound for New York from Texas City, Texas. She is commanded by Captain Dart.

The steamer floated herself without outside aid shortly before 10 o'clock, discharging some of her cargo of oil.

Montreal, Dec. 23. — Virtually all hope has been abandoned of refloating the steamer Canadian Recruit, which went ashore at Vache Point in last week's storm. The craft is likely to become a total wreck. The Canadian Recruit, which is owned by the Canadian government mercantile marine, was built at a cost of \$768,750. The crew was rescued Sunday by ice canoes from the ice cruiser Lady Gray.

A sister ship, the Canadian Spinner, is reported adrift somewhere between Little Metis and Metane. The Lady Gray and another icebreaker, the Lord Strathcona, which put out to her assistance, were obliged to return to Quebec today because of heavy fog.

New York, Dec. 23. — The steamship Princess May, which sent out a S. O. S. call last night 150 miles south of Sandy Hook, today was proceeding to New York under her own steam. A wireless message received here said repairs had enabled the crew to pump out the flooded engine room.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO TROOPS

Baker, Speaking for President, Wishes Soldiers Merry Christmas and Successful New Year.

Washington, Dec. 23. — Secretary Baker today sent to all American troops within the United States and abroad the following Christmas message:

"To those who wear the uniform of the United States, Christmas, with its deep meaning of peace on earth, good will to men, should take on an added significance this year, in that during the new era of peace for which such great sacrifices were made, American institutions have been guarded during the 12 months past with fidelity and devotion which has always been one of the great traditions of the United States army."

"With the new year approaching, your country stands on the threshold of greater opportunities and prosperity than are to be read in any of the glorious pages of her history. As soldiers, you represent the strength of your country, and in peace, as well as in war, you can prove that the foundation of democracy and the safeguard of liberty is the ability of the individual to perceive and defend the truth. I speak for your commander-in-chief and for the nation you serve when I wish you a very merry Christmas and a successful and happy New Year."

BAN 'MERCHANT OF VENICE.'

Newark, N. J., Dec. 23. — Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice" is to be dropped from the literature studied in Newark public schools, "because of its effect on the minds of non-Jewish children." In approving today a request from the anti-defamation league of Chicago that the play be banned, the board of education's instruction committee asserted that non-Jewish children "unconsciously will associate in their minds the Jew as Shakespeare portrayed him with the Jews of today."

FIVE-POUND HIPPO ARRIVES.

New York, Dec. 23. — A five-pound pigmy hippopotamus—or, briefly, a non-ruminating artiodactyle ungulate mammal much less aquatic than its giant relative and having, in fact, the habits of a pig—was born today at the Bronx Zoo, the sixth baby hippo ever in captivity and the first to romp into the world behind bars.

Baby it hasn't been christened yet declined nourishment, and Dr. William Hornaday, director of the Zoo, announced that a milk bottle would be signed up tomorrow if the youngster threatened to go on a hunger strike.

ILLINOIS MINERS AND OPERATORS COME TO TERMS

Reach Agreement Applying Government 14% Wage Increase

VOICE DISSATISFACTION

Will Present to Commission Their Objections to National Strike Settlement

Chicago, Dec. 23. — A tentative agreement applying the 14 per cent wage increase settlement of the recent soft coal miners' strike was made today by representatives of Illinois coal operators and miners. The agreement provides for a flat rate of 11 cents a ton increase for pick and machine mining. Yardage and dead work rates in effect October 31 will be advanced 14 per cent. Both sides in the conference expressed dissatisfaction with the national settlement and declared that they would present their objections to the national commission appointed by President Wilson.

The tentative agreement will be retroactive to November 1 for engineers and others who were engaged in keeping the mines in condition during the strike. It also will be retroactive to November 1 for miners unless the interstate commission decides otherwise the operators announced.

Today's agreement was made in accord with the understanding in other districts of the central competitive field, the operators declared.

Will Accept Commission's Decision.

Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 23. — In a statement declaring that the attitude of the coal operators of the central competitive field has not been changed by any person in authority since they agreed to a plan similar to that proposed by President Wilson for settling the miners' wage controversy, Phil H. Penna, spokesman for the operators in the wage negotiations of the past few months, late today indicated that the operators will abide by the decision of the commission appointed by the President to arbitrate prices and wages.

Mr. Penna's statement follows: "On November 27, the operators' committee, composed of eight representatives of each state, in a joint meeting with the miners, offered the following resolution: 'That there be a tribunal created of equal numbers of the miners' representatives and coal operators and an equal number representing the public to whom all these differences shall be referred, and that we agree to accept the result, to constitute a contract effective until March 31, 1922.'"

"The operators all voted yes, all the miners voted no, and the meeting adjourned without date."

"In principle this resolution is in perfect accord with the President's action. It differs, however, in some details about which we should have been consulted in advance."

"This attitude of the operators has not been changed in any particular by any person or persons in authority."

Urges Investigation of Coal Industry.

Washington, Dec. 23. — Investigation of the coal industry is "courted by the operator." It was asserted tonight by the executive committee of the Bituminous Coal Operators' association in a statement replying to the declaration last night of Attorney General Palmer that the government would "not assume that the operators will break faith" and intimating that ways would be found to keep faith in the coal strike settlement.

"The coal operators have always courted a full investigation of the industry," the executive committee's statement said. "They welcome one now. They are wholeheartedly eager to have come out of this controversy a program that will be constructive and that will insure industrial peace. The miners and operators have interpreted President Wilson's letter of Dec. 6 in different ways."

"Because of this fact and the rapid change in the situation during the last two weeks, it has been impossible to keep the many coal operators scattered over the country fully advised. The executive committee, therefore, feels that it is imperative to call a meeting of the representatives of the operators from the several coal fields, extending from Pennsylvania to as far west as the state of Washington. This meeting will be held as soon as possible."

"In the meantime, steps already have been taken to gather such facts and statistics as may be necessary for a full presentation of the operators' case."

1,000 Kansas Miners Strike.

Indianapolis, Dec. 23. — A call for a meeting of the executive board of the Kansas district of the United Mine Workers of America for Friday, at which steps to end the strike of 1,000 employees of the Central Coal and Coke company will be taken, was issued from here this afternoon by Alexander Howat, president of the district, before leaving for his home in Pittsburg, Kansas.

Howat was released from jail today, where he had been sent following a

TWO MEN CAUGHT AFTER DARING HOTEL ROBBERY

Police Believe Pair May Be Responsible for Thefts Totaling Over \$100,000

New York, Dec. 23. — The police tonight were seeking to determine if two men arrested today on a charge of attacking and robbing a wealthy Texan and his wife of \$4,000 in their suite in the Hotel Knickerbocker, were the burglars responsible for a series of similar robberies in this city recently which have netted the thieves more than \$100,000.

The pair were arrested after they were alleged to have entered the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Aloysius Broderick, of Dallas, this morning, knocked down Mr. Broderick with a hammer, tied his wife to a bed, and ransacked the room. They reached the street by climbing down the side of the hotel, in the heart of the Great White Way. Spied by a crowd while performing their "human fig" feat and fired at by a policeman, they entered a fourth story window, after descending one floor, and were arrested in the grill room.

Mr. and Mrs. Broderick arrived here yesterday from Dallas, where he is vice president of the Producers' Oil company. Last evening they attended the theatre and Mrs. Broderick wore considerable jewelry. It is believed that the thieves followed them, because the first question asked by them when they entered the apartment was the location of Mrs. Broderick's gems.

Mr. Broderick was stabbed in one hand by one of the burglars while attempting to prevent them from entering the apartment.

When searched at the station several pieces of jewelry all identified as the property of Mr. and Mrs. Broderick, were found in the possession of the accused men, the police said.

After questioning the prisoners, who gave their names as Raymond Rodriguez and Adriano Heva, the police reported they had found on the registers of ten other hotels handwriting similar to that of the prisoners, although the signatures were different.

One robbery of which the men are suspected was committed at the Hotel Wallach, a block from the Knickerbocker. In that case, \$40,000 was taken.

Clerks at the Hotel York, which was recently the scene of a robbery, declared that Heva's handwriting bore a striking resemblance to that of a man who recently registered at the hotel and departed after robbing several guests.

The police at New Rochelle also informed the local police that the descriptions of the two robbers answer those of men wanted in that city for an apartment house robbery.

EIGHT PATIENTS AT HOSPITAL FOR INSANE BELIEVED BURNED

Middletown, Conn., Dec. 23. — Eight patients of the Connecticut hospital for the insane in this place are believed to have been burned to death tonight in a fire which completely destroyed one of the frame buildings of the hospital group a mile east of the main buildings. There were 53 patients in the building and at midnight only 45 had been accounted for.

The building in which the fire occurred was known as the Farm, and those housed therein were so-called trustees, of the milder type of insane patients. They were all men and instead of joining in a panic when the flames were discovered, assisted the bucket brigade in rescuing their own clothing and some furniture. The missing patients are believed to have been burned to death when the interior of the building collapsed. There was only one attendant in the place when the fire was discovered.

AIRPLANE BATTLES VULTURE

London, Dec. 23. — Lieutenant Etienne Poulet, the French military aviator who on October 14 left Paris in an attempt to fly to Australia, has abandoned the flight, according to advices received here from Rangoon today.

Lieutenant Poulet's machine was badly damaged in a battle in the air with a huge vulture early this month.

AUTO ROBBERS MAKE HAUL.

Mr. Vernon, Dec. 23. — Six men armed with revolvers entered the distributing station of a New York department store at Tuckahoe today, lined up the four clerks against the wall, forced the superintendent to open the safe, and departed with \$2,000 in cash. The bandits drove off in a waiting taxicab.

BELGIAN POET ARRIVES.

New York, Dec. 23. — Maurice Maeterlinck, the Belgian poet, and Madame Maeterlinck arrived here today on the steamer France from Havre. They came to New York to witness the world's premier production of Maeterlinck's opera, "Bluebird," at the Metropolitan opera house on December 27.

Preliminary hearing on complaint of court charges by Federal Judge A. B. Anderson yesterday, after he had agreed to use his influence to end the local strike.

SEEK TO PROVE NEW MENTALLY UNSOUND

Witness at Trial of Alleged Murderer Testifies as to New's Strange Actions

Los Angeles, Dec. 23. — Harry S. New's strange court room manners, his almost motionless attitude, and his continually staring straight ahead, is not a pose but a habit, according to testimony introduced today in his trial on a charge of having murdered his sweetheart, Freda Lesser.

The testimony was given by E. W. McCumber, formerly a prisoner with New in the county jail. McCumber said the defendant frequently sat at the window of his cell and gazed into space for hours at a time, motionless and never uttering a word.

This testimony was the outstanding feature of the efforts of the defense today to show that New was unsound mentally.

McCumber said he had noticed other things about New which caused him to believe the accused was "not right" mentally. He said New frequently rolled up his trouser legs, one at a time, and studied them, seemingly with much concern.

New made a pet of one of the jail cats, according to the witness. But one day, when he was playing with the cat, McCumber told him his pet was likely to scratch him, McCumber testified, at which New became enraged and threw the animal out of his cell.

Colonel Robert H. Tyndall, a business man of Indianapolis, formerly commander of the unit of artillery of the Indiana National Guard with which New served on the Mexican border in 1916, in one of his depositions, expressed the opinion that the accused was not normal mentally. Captain Calvin L. Payne, captain of a battery, Indiana National Guard, expressed the same opinion.

Captain Payne said it was assumed among the officers and men of the battery that the defendant was a son of Senator Harry S. New of Indiana. On account of the "unfortunate circumstances of the young man's birth," as well as the high standing of the senator, every effort was made to give the defendant opportunities for advancement. But his mentality was not able to grasp the technique of artillery work and he "got nowhere," the deposition said.

Captain Payne said New appeared morose and seemed to be brooding much of the time. On one occasion, the captain testified, he heard a member of the battery call out to New, "Well, New, I see the old man is elected," referring, in the judgment of Captain Payne, to Senator New.

"A peculiar look of sorrow came over the boy's face," the deposition read, "a look I could not analyze."

The defense is laying stress upon the alleged effect on the mind of the accused by his brooding over what counsel termed the "sad circumstances of his birth."

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL TURNS INTO A RIOT

Thousands of Uninvited Guests Break Up Party for Poor New York Children

New York, Dec. 23. — Thousands of uninvited children for whom no gifts were provided crowded their way into the 71st regiment armory tonight, and threw New York's largest children's Christmas festival into a riot. During the height of the uproar, 14,000 youngsters were in a mad scramble for their share of presents, which were stacked upon tables for distribution to 7,000 needy kiddies who had been invited.

Police reserves from six precinct stations, aided by the armory detail of soldiers, were unable to check the wild onrush. Several women fainted, and scores of children, some on crutches, were bowled over as the youngsters pushed upon the floor.

No semblance of order was obtained until thousands of the youngsters had been rushed into the street, where, separated from their chaperons and mothers, many of them hungry and without gifts, clamored to be taken to their homes. Less than half of them managed to get a gift package in the melee.

The trouble started when clowns made their appearance on the armory floor. Children who had been assigned to places in the building rushed out on the floor in mass formation and crowded around the fun-makers. A few took advantage of the disorder to help themselves from the gift table, and in a minute the rush was on.

Children fought and scratched each other for the possession of dolls and other toys. One red-faced youth wearing an abbreviated army coat was seen to carry away eight packages under his arm.

VISIT HOUSE OF REFUGE.

Albion, Dec. 23. — Members of the legislative committee investigating charges of mismanagement at the Western House of Refuge for women, visited the institution here today as the final act of their investigation. They were accompanied by Attorney General Newton. No questions were asked of inmates or employees, the investigators contenting themselves with observing the accustomed routine of the home.

URGE U. S. SENATE TO RATIFY PEACE TREATY AT ONCE

American Business Men in England Appeal to Lodge and Hitchcock

AMERICA SHIRKS DUTY

Owes It to Herself and the World to Enter Into Working Arrangements With Allies

London, Dec. 23. — The American Chamber of Commerce of London has addressed identical messages to United States Senators Lodge and Hitchcock on the subject of the ratification of the peace treaty.

The American Chamber of Commerce is composed of representatives of all the leading American bankers, merchants and business firms doing business in Great Britain and also of leading British shipping, banking and business concerns trading with the United States. The latter, however, have no voting power, the control of the chamber being in the hands of firms incorporated in America and American citizens.

The message follows: "The failure of the United States to ratify the treaty and enter into working arrangements with the allies is causing our motive for entering the war and our hesitation in going into the reconstruction plans to be misrepresented and misunderstood."

America Shirking Her Responsibility.
"America owes it to herself, as well as to the world, to come to the help of the disorganized and starving portions of Europe. The international machinery started by the peace conference is failing to pieces. All actual progress towards peace is checked, and people are slowly drifting toward famine and anarchy, which can be remedied if the United States will decide quickly and assume her responsibilities. Business, manufacture, transportation and even agriculture, are wholly or partly paralyzed."

"Whether the covenant be ratified as it stands or with reservations is infinitely less important than that some international working arrangement be agreed upon which will remove the uncertainty and enable private enterprise, upon which the main burden of reconstruction must fall, to get to work without further delay."

"We, therefore, urge you to use your utmost endeavors to secure ratification of the treaty, with such reservations as may have to be made to break the present deadlock."

Little Progress on Treaty.

Washington, Dec. 23. — Although Republican and Democratic Senators continued their conferences today on peace treaty reservations, there were no definite results and the leaders said they expected none for some days. There was a general feeling of confidence, however, that by the time the holiday recess ends on Jan. 5, the basis for an agreement will have been reached.

Drafts of proposed changes in the reservations framed by the senate majority at the last session were talked over by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, the Republican leader, and Senator Lenroot of Wisconsin, a leader of the reservation group of Republicans. They said the conference was of a general nature and that no final agreement on phraseology was reached.

TO ARRAIGN VIRGO ON MURDER CHARGE

Is Accused of Performing Illegal Operation on Wife From Which She Died

Lawton, Mich., Dec. 23. — Joseph C. Virgo, husband of Maude Tabor, will be arraigned on a charge of murder. Prosecuting Attorney Glen Warner indicated tonight when he stated that charges made by Mrs. Tabor, mother of Maude, that Virgo performed an illegal operation upon her daughter before the latter's death, completed the state's case against the accused man.

Mrs. Tabor, who is 30 years of age, is involved on the charge of being an accessory after the fact, according to the prosecutor.

The body of Maude Tabor was found in a trunk in the Tabor home on Nov. 26, about three years after her disappearance. It developed that Virgo had made her his fifth wife, and Mrs. Tabor declared in a signed statement, made public today by the prosecutor, that Virgo told her he did not want any children.

In her statement, Mrs. Tabor declared that after her daughter died she slept beside the body seven days and that then Virgo placed it in the young woman's "hope chest" and hid it in the cellar.

At the coroner's inquest, the aged mother denied that an illegal operation had been performed.

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The Victim of Her Father's Sin



WILL ROGERS "Jubilo"

Will Rogers, the famous comedian who made the Ziegfeld Follies famous, in his newest 1920 Goldwyn feature, "JUBILO," from the Saturday evening Post story. At the Oneonta theatre Christmas day. Matinee and evening.

OTSEGO COUNTY NEWS

SCHUYLER LAKE LEAFLET.

asonic Lodge Elects — Mr. and Mrs. Squire Byard Surprised.

Schuyler Lake, Dec. 23. — At the gular communication of Schuyler lake lodge, No. 162, F. & A. M., at the lodge rooms last Wednesday evening, was held their annual election officers. The following are the officers: Charles Stephenson, W. M.; J. M. Chase, S. W.; M. J. Horton, J. J. J. Clarke, secretary; George J. J. Jones, treasurer; J. A. Jones, trustee; George Conrad, chaplain; George Flansburg, marshal; Edith Cushman, S. D.; Robert Holbrook, J. D.; Olcott Fay, tiller; George Randall, S. M. C.; Arnold James J. C. The first degree was also conferred on five candidates.

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Surprise. Last Friday evening about 30 of the ends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Byard of Angel Hill gathered their home and gave them a surprise, it being their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all, after which refreshments were served and Mr. and Mrs. Byard were presented with a purse of money and with the wishes of those present for many happy years together.

Minor Mention.

Mrs. Fayette Allen attended the funeral of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell at Hartwick Friday. John K. Allen of Frankfort spent Sunday at the parental home here. — J. J. Ainslie of Johnson City was a Sunday caller on relatives in town. — Norman Eason, who attends Cornell college, is home for the Christmas holidays. — Miss Cornelia Burch spending the Christmas vacation at

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Tallow Beeswax, old Rubber and Lead

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o. 1 Skunk \$6.40
o. 2 Skunk \$4.40
o. 3 Skunk \$2.40
o. 4 Skunk \$1.30
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rey Fox, Prime \$3.50 to \$5.50.
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has received good results from the treatment and will be able to be around again. Before the injured leg was about three inches shorter than the other.

Masonic Ball Friday Night.

The annual ball of Tienudenah lodge, No. 605, F. & A. M., will be held on Friday evening of this week at the Parish house. Music will be furnished by Suedeker's orchestra of New Berlin, with Prof. Matthewson as prompter. The supper will be served by the ladies of the O. L. S., and everybody knows that it will be a good one. Full bill \$2.00. These annual balls have always proved grand affairs and this one will be no exception.

Christmas Visitors.

M. R. Porter and family of Schenectady are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Edwards. Mr. and Mrs. Percy Gould and son, John of Syracuse, are at the Terry home-stead for the holidays. Aldin Ripley of Union college is home for his Christmas vacation. Miss Esthly Aldrich of Sag Harbor is spending her holiday vacation with her mother at her home near Elm Grove. Mr. and Mrs. Harris Crandall of Corinth are spending a few days with Morris friends, going from here to Clayville to visit Mrs. Crandall's brother, and Mr. Crandall to Syracuse to attend a school principals' meeting.

Invented Drag Saw Device.

S. F. Stone of Morris has invented a drag saw device and is having it manufactured at the Walton Foundry company. It is meeting with a good sale and is said to be an improvement over other devices, it holding the saw more rigidly and can do faster work than other makes.

Visiting Son at Cooperstown.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Carpenter and daughter, Ruth, are visiting their son, Frank and family, in Cooperstown.

Pays Morris Belated Visit.

Archie Hoke, who left Morris 14 years ago, made his first visit to Morris last Saturday and stayed over Sunday with his grandfather, V. J. Hoke. He is now located at Omaha, Neb., but has been east on business for several weeks. He did not see much change in Morris only in the people, who had grown some older. All was glad to see him once more.

Christmas at Episcopal Church.

The Sunday school of the Episcopal church will hold their exercises on Tuesday evening, December 30th, as follows: Service in the church at 8 o'clock; supper in the Parish house at 7 and Christmas tree at 8 in the hall, followed by a social time and games for the boys and girls.

Annual Meeting.

At a meeting of Tienudenah lodge, No. 605, F. & A. M., held on Dec. 16, the following officers were elected for the coming year:

Master—J. Frank Ray.
Senior Warden—Frank Duroe.
Junior Warden—Harrison Cossart.
Senior Deacon—Lee Starr.
Junior Deacon—W. W. Saunderson.
Treasurer—Guy Whitman.
Secretary—W. E. Tobey.
Senior Master Ceremonies—Scott Lull.

Junior Master Ceremonies—Howard Sloan.
Tiler—Earl Southren.

Notes.

Principal and Mrs. R. A. Cameron of this place are visiting their old homestead at Barton and Newark Valley for their vacation.

DORR BATES LAID TO REST.

Funeral Held at Westville Methodist Church — Other Local News.

Westville, Dec. 23. — The funeral of Dorra Bates, who died at the home of his son in Binghamton, was held at the Methodist Episcopal church Friday afternoon. He is survived by his son, Bert Bates; two granddaughters, one grandson, a sister, Mrs. Emogene Thayer, and a brother, Frank, of Richfield.

Sheet and Pillow Case Social.

The Ladies Aid society of the Methodist Episcopal church will have a sheet and pillow case social at the home of Clifford Ferris Friday evening. Ladies are requested to bring a sheet and pillow case. Cake, sandwiches and coffee will be served. Everybody is invited.

Social and Community Sing.

A social and community sing will be held New Year's eve at the Grange hall, under the auspices of the Westville Home Economics club. Sandwiches, cake and coffee will be served. A good time is assured everyone.

Holiday Guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ferris were in Oneonta Saturday. — Lena and Ambrose Green are spending the holiday vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Green. — Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Burton and Mr. and Mrs. George Merritt were guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Jacobs Sunday. — Seymour Hall is seriously ill. — Wellington Crippen of Middlefield was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gurney Sunday.

ELABORATE XMAS FESTIVITIES.

Community Yuletide Celebration at Worcester Opera House Tonight.

Worcester, Dec. 23. — On Christmas eve, at the Opera house, the Sunday schools of this village will unite to give an elaborate program in observance of the Yuletide season. There will be a gorgeously decorated tree for the use of the whole community in bestowing and receiving gifts. A free will offering will be taken, which will be sent for Syrian and Armenian relief.

The program will begin at 7.30 with overture and devotional exercises. The next part will be a Christmas play entitled, Miss Poinsettia, by a cast of 11

characters. Following this a large chorus of voices will render a cantata, "Good Tidings of Great Joy." The closing part will be the distribution of gifts from the tree.

Rent Estate Notes.

Mrs. Marie Gunkel of Summit has purchased of J. L. Waterman his house and lot in the Brighton district where Sylvester Hughes Jr. now resides. Mrs. Gunkel will rent her farm the coming year and move here.

C. I. Henderson has purchased of Merton Carroll his property on Church street and will occupy the same after some remodeling is done.

Mrs. Eva Milks has purchased the Richard Colbeck property on Lower Main street and will take possession as soon as it can be vacated.

Glenn Marble has rented the Bates house on Brookside avenue and will move there within the next few days, he having sold his farm to parties from Washington, Pa.

MILFORD NEWS LETTER.

College Students Home—Taxes Due—Rev. Becker in New York.

Milford, Dec. 23. — College students who have been arriving in town the past few days to spend the holidays, are Miss Dorothy Culver, Emma Willard school, Troy, G. Carl Seiber, New York city; Ellery Barney, Cornell university; Ernest Auron, Union college; Doris S. Hickey, Yale.

Taxes Due.

Ralph S. Brown, collector of taxes for the town of Milford, has received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes for the present year and will be at the Milford National bank on Friday, December 26th, and on January 7 and 15, from 9 o'clock in the morning until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, to receive taxes.

Closed for Christmas.

The Milford National bank will be closed all day Christmas day.

The Milford post office will be closed from 12:30 o'clock until 6:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Central telephone office will be closed in the afternoon from 1 to 3 o'clock, and at the same hours New Year's day.

To New York for Holidays.

Rev. N. S. Becker of the Presbyterian church, accompanied by Mrs. Becker and daughter, Miss Dorothy Becker, departed Monday for New York city to spend a couple of weeks with relatives.

MIDDLEFIELD MENTION.

Mrs. George Snyder Elected President of Auxiliary Society.

On Saturday afternoon, the annual business meeting and election of officers of the Ladies' Auxiliary society of the Methodist church was held at the home of Mrs. George Snyder and a number of new members joined. Officers were elected as follows:

President, Mrs. George Snyder; vice president, Mrs. George Wilson; secretary, Mrs. H. C. Murphy; treasurer, Miss Minnie McKibbin.

It was decided to hold socials and the first one is to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Tabor some time in January.

School Entertainment at Flint's Hall.

The Christmas entertainment given by the pupils of our village school in Flint's hall Friday evening was one of the best ever given. The children all had their parts perfectly and there was not a break from start to finish, which showed the excellent training

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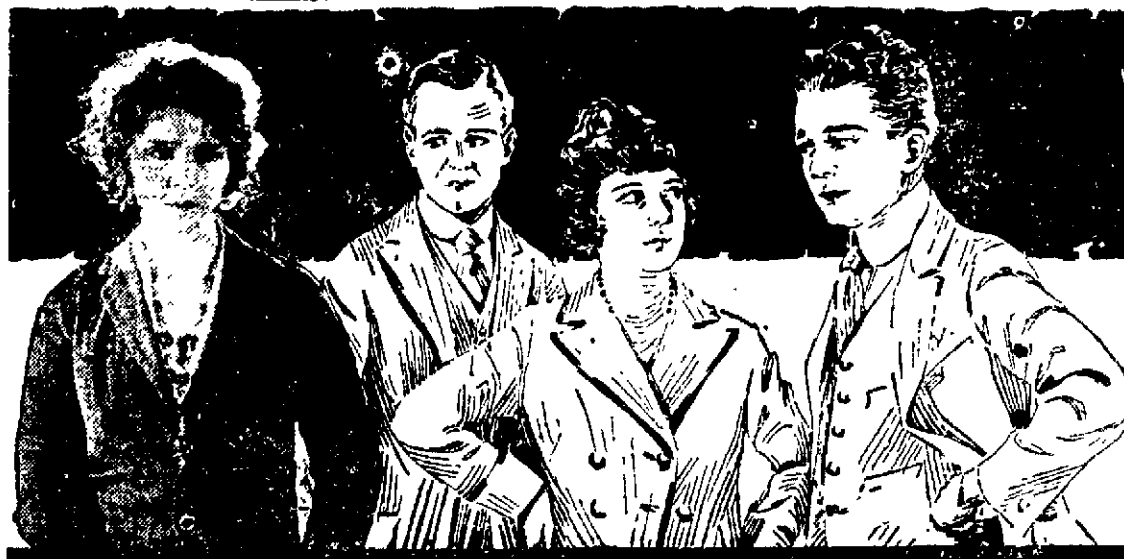
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THE AMERICAN LANGUAGE.

The hope of the United States, and incidentally of the world, lies in the education of the foreigners within our gates, says Senator Kenyon of Iowa. "We can deport Alexander Berkman and Emma Goldman," says the senator, "but we cannot deport the ideas which they have planted here." According to the census of 1910 there were 8,500,000 persons in the United States who could not speak English. Herein lies the real menace—this great bulk of foreign born or bred who are unreachably by the spoken or the printed word bearing the message of true Americanism, but whose minds are a fertile field for the Bolshevik propaganda. Universal education is without doubt the panacea for these ills of anarchy, and it should at once be applied. There should not be a school in the United States where English is not the means of communication; and many believe there should not be a church, albeit there are some difficulties as regards the latter plan.

REBUKING THE CHAPLAIN.

It was in the house of representatives last week that Rev. Henry N. Couden, the blind chaplain, was rebuked by Senator Gillett because in the course of a prayer he said a casual word in favor of the league of nations. Truly the pathway of a chaplain is beset with thorns and his desk is an unfortunate place wherein to utter a personal opinion. But after all, and without consideration of whether one agrees with the chaplain or not, it should be said that the prayers in the house, as elsewhere, are directed to the throne of grace and not to the chair of the speaker. If the chaplain is wrong in his petitions, the disagreeing house members can afford to let it go, since the Almighty knows whether the prayer should or should not be granted and will doubtless act upon this knowledge. No chaplain in the house and nobody else on earth can by sufficient beseeching turn the All-Knowing from the right path.

MORE AMERICANISM.

It is evident that Milwaukee needs a little more Americanism, else would that city never have re-elected Victor Berger to the house of representatives, to which only a few days ago he was denied admission. Berger says that the Socialists did not elect him. If they did not it was from a class we used to call German-Americans that he received his votes.

It remains to be seen whether the house which a short time ago turned Berger neck and heels out of congress, will consent to his admission now. It is not likely that it will thus turn a cropper, and in fact it is not improbable that a final decision of the supreme court in his case now on appeal will settle matters by committing him to Leavenworth for a long term for treasonable utterances. He was against America during the war, and neither country, court nor house should show him any favors now.

THINGS TO BE FEARED.

In a long and gallant struggle for independence, the patriots of Ireland have apparently been handicapped to great extent by the ill-advised acts of some of the more headstrong sons of Erin. There were the Phoenix park murders, which set the clock of freedom back many years, and of late the attempt to assassinate General French, and the destruction of a newspaper office and other property in Dublin. In America the Irish race has proved itself fully competent to govern. Some of the good sense here shown might be employed to advantage in explaining to active enemies of the present government of the United Kingdom that there are ways more effectual than bloodshed and destruction of property whereby a people can show the justice of its plea for self-determination.

A POLITICAL PARADOX.

It is a difficult thing to understand—why the Berkman's and Goldman's and Lipkin's and Bernstein's should so strenuously object to deportation. Every waking moment of their lives appears to have been devoted to the teaching of anarchy; and now that by dint of German assistance in the days of the war their native Russia has become just such a country as they have pictured in their dreams, and told of in their speeches, they should be willing cheerfully to return to it. Yet the whole howling horde of 248 undesirable citizens cursed the United States on departure because they were being sent away. True, the half a million dollars which these returning Russians had accumulated in this country and were carrying back with them should have served as temporary alibi of distress; or did they fear for the safety of their possessions once they were in free Russia, where nobody would be likely to respect their claim for individual ownership? Just imagine Trotsky or Lenin for example, sending anybody out of Russia on a government transport, each carrying a couple of thousand pounds of gold with him.

COMMENTS OF THE PRESS

No More Strikers Wanted.

The country now prays again for the adoption of measures that will render strikes in essential industries impossible. This coal strike has given the most emphatic as it is the latest of a long series of demonstrations of the urgent need of a system of settlement in industrial disputes which will prevent cessation of work and production, while insuring justice to both workers and employers. —Washington Star.

"Can The Jazz."

Already there are signs of a revolt against the barbarous music that has ruled our ball rooms for five years. The watchman's rattle, the revolver, the tin pan, and the gong are no longer considered indispensable for a high class orchestra, and when our conductors are again allowed to perform the valises of Strauss and of Waldteufel, we may expect to see a revival of music and dancing fit for a civilized nation. Instead of the sounds and actions that have offended the ear and the eye during the reign of jazz. —(Boston Commercial Bulletin).

The Art of Politics.

The most obvious comment on the appointment by the Republican National committee of a special committee on party politics and platform to do preliminary work for the resolutions committee of the national convention, is that, after all, the people, not the politicians, made the issues. The greatest political leaders are men who can forecast reasonably early the issues that the people will make and then jump to the safe side of the fence. —(Springfield Republican).

Four Chances to Get Killed Now One.

It was not so long ago that every free man in Europe had at least four separate chances of being killed in arms—in defense of his own person or property, in defense of his immediate lord, in defense of that lord's over-chief and in defense of the Prince. Private and local wars have now almost disappeared everywhere; civil war is normally rare; why should it be impossible to get rid of international war? —(London Outlook).

Initiating The Chief.

Stamps are sticking better, influenced perhaps by Mr. Burleson's example. —(Boston Herald).

The New Poor.

Bishop—Are there any really poor families in your parish, Mr. Jones? County Parson—Only my own, My Lord. —(London Punch).

Next Year's Census.

The census will make such agreeable reading when it comes that it ought to be a pleasure rather than a duty to contribute to its accuracy and completeness. Always there are exceptions to any general rule, and there are provisions for such cases. If there are any who do not welcome the census taker, there are pains and penalties to bring them to a more reasonable and patriotic frame of mind. There is something wrong about the census shirker, and nobody should be backward about telling him so. —(New York Times).

America's Defense Policy.

The best expert opinion coincides with the opinion reached by the average citizen after consideration of the question. That opinion favors a small regular army, to be supplemented by a system of brief universal military training. The young citizens going through this training would not be soldiers, but in case of emergency they could become efficient soldiers very quickly, capable of taking care of themselves and their country. —(Washington Post).

Power on The Sea.

The submarine will continue to be a formidable antagonist and will aid materially toward the ultimate object of the war—the destruction of the enemy's commerce. The torpedo plane will have its part in this vital duty and also in fleet actions. By inventions we can hope only to make war more terrible, and, by multiple destruction, end it in a shorter time. All other things being equal war on the sea will be won by the nation which has made the most effective preparations in time of peace. —(New York Sun).

TO RESTORE 32 TOWNS.

Task in France Assigned to Methodist Episcopal Church.

It was announced by the Rev. B. M. Johns, D. D., that 20 more villages, making a total of 32, in the devastated area about Chateau Thierry and Belleau Wood have been assigned by the French Ministry of Reconstruction to the Methodist Episcopal church for exclusive rehabilitation.

Many of these villages were completely demolished in the desperate fighting when the American troops stopped the German advance on Paris. This latest assignment brings the number of returning refugees who are now dependent upon the Methodist for many of the necessities of life, up to nearly 10,000. All welfare activities in this area are operated by them. They are co-operating with the American Red Cross at Soissons immediately to the north and with the Wesleyan unit to the south. Y. M. C. A. barracks from many parts of France are being dismantled and transported to the Methodist area to provide shelter for the destitute people.

Begin The New Year Right.

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Dr. Cecil E. Nixon, San Francisco Dentist, has created an automaton which he calls "Isis" and which, he says, can do everything but think, differing in this essential only from the average woman. It took him 16 years to build the automaton, which will play any tune requested on a zither. There are more than 300 wheels in her breast and 1,187 in her entire body. All the work was done with the accuracy of a watchmaker. The wood in the automaton alone costs more than \$1,000.00. It is claimed famous magicians have been puzzled by the things Isis can do. Dr. Nixon is a talented magician himself, but has always refused to use his talents except in an amateur way.

WHAT CENSUS TAKERS WILL ASK

Required Information Will Be Held In Strict Confidence—Read Questions and Get Ready for Census Taker—He Begins Work Jan. 2.

Because of trouble census takers often experience in obtaining the information necessary the supervisors of census have published a leaflet explaining the work, and listing the questions that will be asked in the majority of cases. Taking of the 14th decennial census begins January 2, and will be completed within two weeks in the cities and 30 days on the farms.

Census takers are provided with identification cards and commissions, which must be shown when asked for. Any person taking the census without such cards is an impostor and should be reported immediately to the authorities.

Information contained in the pamphlet includes the following: The census is required every 10 years by the Constitution of the United States and by Act of Congress. The date named for beginning the 1920 census is January 2, but the "Census day" is January 1.

In cities the population enumeration will be completed in two weeks. The enumeration of farms will be completed within 30 days.

The census of manufacturers, mines and quarries, oil and gas wells, and forestry and forest products will, as a rule, be taken by special agents and by correspondence, and not by enumerators.

The census is the means by which the government ascertains the increase in the population, the statistics concerning agriculture, and the vital information concerning the resources of the nation.

The census inquiries are defined by the act of congress.

The information gathered is strictly confidential, made so by law.

Census information cannot under any circumstances be used as a basis for taxation, nor can it be used to harm any person or his property.

It has nothing whatever to do with detection, arrest, prosecution, or punishment of any person for any violation of any law.

Questions Asked of All Persons.

1. Age at last birthday.

2. Each person 10 years of age and over will be asked whether he is able to read or write.

3. Each person will be asked his birthplace as well as the birthplace of father and mother.

4. If foreign born, the date of coming to the United States will be asked, and, if naturalized, the date of becoming a citizen; also mother tongue or native language.

5. Each head of a family will be asked whether his home is owned by him or rented. If owned, whether the home is mortgaged or free from debt.

6. Each person will be asked his occupation and whether he is an employer or employee or is working on his own account.

The answers to the above questions give valuable and vital information to the government concerning the health,

QUESTIONS ASKED OF FARMERS.

1. Each occupant of a farm will be asked how many years, if any, he worked on a farm for wages; how many years, if any, he was a tenant; and how many years, if any, he farmed as an owner.

2. Whether he (a) owns, or (b) rents, or (c) partly owns and partly rents his farms, or whether (d) he operates the farm for others as a manager or superintendent.

3. How many acres in his farm? Number of improved acres. Number of unimproved acres and number of acres of woodland?

4. Total value of farm? Total value of buildings? Value of implements and machinery on farm?

5. Whether farm is mortgaged? If so, the amount of mortgage?

6. Expense for feed, fertilizer and labor in the year 1919?

7. Several questions concerning artificial drainage of his farm.

8. Number of cows, horses, sheep, chickens, and other domestic animals on the farm January 1, 1920?

9. Quantity and acreage of all crops grown on the farm in 1919, including fruits and vegetables?

10. Quantity of milk and butter sold off the farm during the year 1919.

11. Acreage of timber land on farm and value of forest products?

Correct answers to the above questions are of the utmost importance. The United States Department of Agriculture assisted the Census bureau in preparing the questions on the agriculture schedule and appeals to farmers everywhere to keep farm records for census purposes.

Copies of the agriculture schedule can be had in advance by any farmer by writing to the Director of Census, Washington, D. C.

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If you wish a box of assorted nuts or nut meats, we have them. They are fresh and will add to the enjoyment of the festive day.

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We will have a good assortment of ice cream of the Laskaris high-standard of quality. You will need some for the Xmas dinner. Leave orders early.

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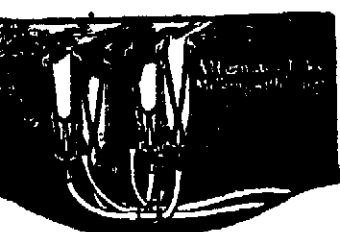
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TEMPERATURE YESTERDAY.

8 a. m. 22
2 p. m. 22
8 p. m. 21
Maximum, 32; Minimum, 6.

LOCAL MENTION.

His Christmas Greeting.
Every Christmas for many years
it has been the custom of Rev. Willard
H. Alger to send a fine bit of original
verse as a rhymed greeting to his
membership. This year's poem, sent
by Mr. Alger to his parishioners at
Factoryville, Pa., and herewith printed,
will be of interest to his many
friends in Oneonta and Milford, as else-
where in the Oneonta district, where
Mr. Alger formerly was located. It
is entitled "Christmas Day—1919."

Let us forget all worldly care,
Our sorrows and our losses,
And all the burdens we have borne
And lay aside our crosses;
Just bid them all away, away,
For this is Christmas day.

Let us be rich, the gift is ours,
'Twas God's great love that gave it—
The joy, the peace, good will to men,
O, that our hearts might crave it;
Let no one hear us say nay, nay,
For this is Christmas day.

—The stores of the city remain
open this evening, but most if not all
of them will be closed on Thursday
for the day.

—H. M. Stanford of the Oneonta is
distributing to patrons and friends a
neat vest pocket bill book or "tight
wad" as they are sometimes called.
They are much appreciated by all.

—The post office will be open to-
morrow, Christmas day, until noon,
and city letter carriers will make the
usual morning delivery. Parcel post
carriers will deliver all packages re-
ceived at the office during the day.

—Star subscribers wishing to take
advantage of the opportunity to pay
for all or a portion of the year 1920
at the old rate should remember that
payments in advance where paper is
delivered by Star carriers will not be
accepted after January 1 at the old
rate.

NESTLE'S CO. IN ONEONTA.

Bought Million Pounds of Milk and
Paid Patrons \$39,000 in November.

The place which the Oneonta
branch of the Nestle's Food company
occupies in the organization is shown
in the monthly report for November
just received by Superintendent Mer-
rill L. Fish.

The plant has 349 patrons among
the farmers who brought in 1,019,148
pounds of milk. The gross amount
paid to the producers in November
was \$59,307.28.

The payroll for the month at the
local plant was \$7,559.07. The total
of the company's operation was 18-
557,361 pounds of milk from 6,751
patrons at a cost of \$742,577.62.

Chamberlain's Tax Sale This Morning.

The annual chamberlain's sale of
property on which taxes have not been
paid will be held this morning at 10
o'clock at the Municipal building.
There now remain but five parcels on
which taxes are due and these will be
sold to the highest bidder. A descrip-
tion of these properties appears in an-
other column.

Meetings Today.

Regular meeting Veteran Firemen
this evening at 8 o'clock.
Regular meeting Banner lodge, No.
282, Knights of Pythias, this evening.

Meeting Postponed.

As tonight is Christmas eve, the
regular meeting of the Knights of
Columbus will be omitted. Next regu-
lar meeting Wednesday evening, Janu-
ary 14.

Herrieff Says:

The Colonel speaking of ladders re-
minds us that it's supposed to be bad
luck to walk under a ladder—especial-
ly if you don't have enough of the
lonesome long-green dollars saved up
so you don't have to worry about
luck. Every ladder has earned big
holes in it, and lots of folks slip
through 'em before they reach the
top. Let us suggest that if you're
dressed right and look the part you
want to play you're more apt to reach
the top—and here is where Herrieff
comes in. We've got the stuff to
dress you up right for any occasion.
Tomorrow is Christmas, you want to
feel you have on clothes right in
style, quality, and fit, in order to
thoroughly enjoy yourself. We've got
'em. Come in and get yours today.
Store closed all day tomorrow. adv 11

Last Minute Gifts.

Whitman's or Tiffin chocolates,
perfumes, toilet waters, cigars, in
boxes of 25. Parker fountain pens,
gift sets of toilet powders, pipes,
thermos bottles. Come in and select
them at Slade's Drug store. adv 11

Maccabees Attention.

All members of Maccabee degree
team be present Friday night, Decem-
ber 26, at 8 o'clock, for rehearsal. adv 21

Notice.

All union barber shops will be open
Wednesday evening until 8 o'clock
and closed all day Christmas day. adv 11

For Your Christmas Dinner.

Our justly celebrated Pistachio ice
cream, fresh made. Boston candy
kitchen. adv 11

Blizian's grocery has everything
you'll need for your Christmas din-
ner. Just go and see. adv 11

We have several bargains in sec-
ond-hand pianos. Howland's Music
store, 49 Chestnut street. adv 11

CHRISTMAS EVE AND DAY

Churches of Oneonta Arrange for Fix-
ing Service and Celebration—Sun-
day School Program This Evening—
Services Christmas Morning.

Among the services and celebra-
tions of the Christmastide which are
yet to be held are the exercises this
evening at the Main Street Baptist
church. Later will come the solemn
services of the Christmas day at St.
Mary's Roman Catholic and St. James'
Protestant Episcopal churches, with
others to follow still later in the week,
so that the week will have ended be-
fore the last observance of the great-
est of anniversaries in the Christian
world will be over.

Main Street Baptist Church.

At the Main Street Baptist church,
until recently known as the Free Bat-
tist church of Oneonta, there will be
a Sunday school service this evening,
with the exercises beginning at 7
o'clock sharp. The program is as fol-
lows:

Song—Christmas No. 1.
Recitation. Bernice Ferguson.

Recitation—My Christmas Bell. John
Bookhout.

Recitation. Janette Foster.

Exercise—Don't Forget. Robert Har-
tis, Jane Hoffman, Elizabeth Ma-
hon, Winifred Williams.

Recitation—Dotty's Best Christmas
Gift. Madeline Miller.

Recitation—O Dear Little Birds.
Kathleen Condon.

Recitation—In a Manger So Low.
Marion Bookhout, Winifred Wil-
liams Dorothy Bomhowever, Fran-
ces Hodge, Camella Silliman.

Song—Twinkle, Twinkle. Primaries.
Recitation. Frances Kilpatrick.

Recitation—The Christmas Collection.
Edith Sexton.

Recitation—Playing Santa Claus. Ruth
Eldridge.

Recitation—The Story and the Song.
Marguerite Cook.

Recitation—Christmas Gifts. Lillian
Moffatt.

Recitation—The Birthday of a King.
Bernice Brown.

Exercise—Stars of Christmas. Mil-
dred Cain, Ruth Driggs, Gladys
Gordon, Olive Sprague, Mabel
Moak, Emily Every, Ruth Wol-
house, Eloise Gordon.

Song—Christmas Starlight No. 7.
Play—Ola.

Song—Magnify His Name, No. 12.
Arrival of Santa Claus.

Christmas at St. Mary's.

Elaborate preparations have been
under way for several weeks for the
proper observance of the Feast of the
Nativity, or Christmas day, at St.
Mary's. The choir of 30 voices under
the directorship of Prof. A. Smaildore
and Miss Irene Hayes have devoted
many hours of hard work in prepara-
tion for the feast. The choir will be
assisted by Smaildore's orchestra of
six pieces and the Sanctuary Boys, the
pride of the congregation, of 72
voices.

The first service will be High Mass
at 5 o'clock. At the stroke of 5 the
bugle will sound "Assembly" and im-
mediately the organ, orchestra and
Sanctuary Boys will take up the re-
frain of "The Snow Lay on the
Ground," marching down the center
aisle.

The procession will move in the
following order:

Faith—Master Gerard Grogan.
Hope—Master Earl Woodard.
Charity—Master Joseph Riley.
Cross-bearer—Master Arthur Par-
one.

Acolytes—Masters James Deery and
Stanley Monahan.

Diaconi Lucie, carrying the silk flags
of the allied nations, Masters James
Daley, Francis Riley, Fred Powell,
Lawrence Foley, Joseph Killeen, Wal-
ter Burke and Frank Walsh. Master
of the ceremonies, Master Anthony
Lance.

At the Sanctuary rail an arch will
be formed of the allied flags under
which the procession will enter the
Sanctuary. The flags will then be
stacked on either side of the main al-
tar.

The Stable of Bethlehem has been
placed to the right of the main altar
in honor of the heroism and devotion
of the sixty-one young men who of-
fered their services to our country in
the World War.

At the Consecration, the Arch will
be unveiled, when a beautiful tapestry
painting 48 by 78, entitled "Victory"
will be exhibited. The painting will
portray an angel flying through an
arch and placing a wreath of laurel
upon the head of a Twenty-seventh
Division soldier who converts the im-
pression, "I have been 'Over There
and have done my bit'."

At 8 o'clock Low Mass will be ce-
lebrated and at 8:30 High Mass will
be again repeated.

The electric lights recently installed
in the Sanctuary Arch will be turned
on at the 8 o'clock Mass, giving the
effect of a brilliant sun burst.

At the two High Masses the pastor
desires that all be seated five minutes
before the appointed time.

At St. James' Church.

At St. James' Protestant Episcopal
church there will be a celebration of
the Holy Communion at 8 a. m., fol-
lowed by communion sermon at 10:30
a. m. On Sunday evening at 7:30
there will be a special children's ser-
vice.

St. Paul's Zion A. M. E. Church.

Will erect a Christmas ladder at
the church, 20 Hunt street, on Fri-
day evening at 8 o'clock for the Sunday
school and for all the colored children
of the city. The pastor, Rev. E.
Horace Brown, will give a short ad-
dress on Sunday school work. The
public will be welcomed. C. A.
Breeze, superintendent; Miss P. B.
Bennett, secretary.

Trees and Exercises Last Evening.

As was announced in The Star of
yesterday, there were appropriate ex-
ercises at the West End Baptist
church, the First Baptist church, the

COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY.

Opposes Compulsory Health Insur-
ance at Annual Meeting Yesterday.

At the annual meeting of the Otse-
go County Medical society, held yes-
terday morning and afternoon at the
county court chambers, there was a
good attendance, there being 25
physicians present representing all
parts of the county. At the morning
session there was general considera-
tion of business matters, and a resolu-
tion was passed urging the repeal of
the present State Narcotic law on the
ground that in its present form it is
ineffective. Officers nominated at
the mid-summer session were elected
as follows:

President—L. W. Green of Milford.
Vice president—F. E. Bolt of Wor-
cester.

Secretary—David H. Mills of One-
onta.

Treasurer—F. L. Winsor of Laurens.

Following the morning session a
special and most delicious luncheon
was served at the Windsor hotel. At
the afternoon meeting papers were
read by Dr. Stearns of Unadilla and
Dr. J. C. Smith of Oneonta. The
former had for its title, "Observa-
tions on Influenza and Complications,"
which included also reports of impor-
tant cases which had come under his
observation. Dr. Smith spoke of
"Health Insurance," and at the con-
clusion of his remarks there was
quite general discussion by the mem-
bers.

All being agreed that the proposed
measure should not become a law, a
resolution was presented and unani-
mously adopted, placing the society on
record as opposed to the health insur-
ance measure. It was also decided to
prepare an agreement, to be presented
to all the physicians of the county,
in which they agree not to accept
any position or service under the pro-
visions of the bill should it become a
law. All the physicians present signed
the agreement, and it will be sent to
every other physician of the county
for signature.

Christmas Novelties.

Christmas shoppers will find a beau-
tiful assortment of sweet grass bas-
kets and other novelties at Sniffin &
VanCleft's store. adv 21

Notice.

Fresh dressed chickens for Christ-
mas, 35c per pound. Todd's Cash
market. Phone 18. adv 21

Bakery Installs Mixer.

Walsh's bakery on Chestnut street
has purchased of the Triumph Man-
ufacturing company, Cincinnati, and
installed a new dough mixer, sifter
and binder, the most modern and ef-
ficient of its kind. This is the latest
addition to a very complete equipment
of bakery machinery.

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First Presbyterian and United Pres-
byterian churches, the Elm Park,
Plains and First Methodist Episcopal
churches, for the latter in the kinder-
garten department. There was a large
attendance at each entertainment
and the programs as announced were
fully carried out to the pleasure of all
present. Gifts were provided and dis-
tributed to the children, and the even-
ing was filled with the genuine spirit
of the Christmastide. Programs for
the remaining Sunday school exercises
in the city will be given tomorrow
morning.

AFTER OWNERS OF STILL.

Home Makers of Whiskey in for
Trouble With Revenue Department.

Residents of this city who had hop-
ed to nullify the prohibition law as far
as they individually are concerned,
by the operation of home stills, are
in for trouble.

Internal revenue officials announce
that they have a full list of all per-
sons who have stills from various
concerns advertising, and offering
them for sale. These names have not
yet been divulged but according to the
announcement, if the apparatus is not
voluntarily surrendered raids will be
instituted and the illicit wine and
whiskey makers will be revealed to
the public for education.

It is pointed out that while the pos-
session of a still is not a violation of
the prohibition law as such, it is a vi-
olation of the revenue department
rules, which require the owners of all
stills to register them and to pay tax
on the products. This tax is \$640.

The still sold to hundreds in this
part of the state is a very simple con-
trivance and merely consists of two
large cans, one of which is airtight.
The corn or raisin mash is poured into
one, and nature is left to do its work
with the aid of heat. The vapor aris-
ing is condensed in one can, and there
you are—whiskey.

Naturally revenue officials are
mum about what they are going to do,
but a spirit of leniency exists and it
is promised that as the owners of the
stills in question are innocent victims
of misrepresentation of the still mak-
ers, that if they will surrender the ap-
paratus, they will not be criminally
prosecuted.

NOTABLE SOCIAL EVENT.

Christmas Dance Given by Company
G Largely Attended.

The annual Christmas dance, which
was given by Company G in the ar-
mory last evening, was largely attend-
ed and was a brilliant social event.

About 150 couples were in attend-
ance at the dance, besides a large
number of spectators, who availed
themselves of the privilege of the bal-
cony, to watch the dancing and to
enjoy the music. Zita's orchestra of
Albany, well known throughout the
state as able musicians, furnished mu-
sic for the dancing in a very satisfac-
tory manner. Dancing continued until
an early hour this morning.

An exceptionally fine time was re-
ported by all who were in attendance.

Public Library Will Close Christmas.

The Oneonta Public Library will
close at 6 o'clock today and remain
closed Christmas day. Please do not
leave books outside. If returned on
the twenty-sixth, no charge will be
made for this time.

G. A. Merrill will do your trucking
promptly and at reasonable prices.
Phone 653-W. adv 61

Tomorrow is Christmas, so have a
good dinner. See Nye's advt. advt 11

**JUST
1 MORE
DAY
TO
SHOP**

**I'M DONE
I READ THE ADS**

Last Minute Shoppers

Will find a haven of comfort in The Japanese Blue Room.

It is no effort to find presents there.

Within a space of a comparatively few feet are grouped
gift suggestions from all parts of the store.

And you can't make a mistake with any one of them.

Brief gift suggestions are:

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Table Linen	Furs
Enameled Lunch Set	Suit
Bathrobe	Stockings
Coat	Negligee
Gloves	Handkerchief
Kimono	Waist
Lingerie	Velvet Bag
Sweater	Purse
Leather Bag	Blankets
Umbrella	Dress Material
Rug	Comfortable

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Will solve that perplexing problem of a last minute gift:

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Wouldn't you rather send a floral greeting—flowers that she
can have for herself than merely a telegram? You can do this
now and with scarcely more expense than a telegram by leav-
ing your order with us.

We can deliver flowers safely anytime, anywhere in the
United States or Canada.

Grove Street Greenhouses 37 Grove Street
Ralph S. Wyckoff Prop. Successor to C. W. Peck.

A THREE MONTHS' SUBSCRIPTION TO THE STAR FOR \$1.25.

**WERE YOU SHORT OF
Christmas Money
This Year?**

IF SO JOIN THE

Citizens National Bank

CHRISTMAS CLUB

**Which is now open for
1920 MEMBERS**



Richard Barthelmess as 'The Chick' in DW. Griffith's
"Broken Blossoms"

COMING TO THE STRAND SOON
Wait for it. Watch for it. Plan for it.

MARRIED IN WASHINGTON.

Miss Margaret Cooke Becomes Bride of Sherrill Slade Rathbun.

Friends in Oneonta received announcement yesterday of the marriage in Washington, D. C. on Monday, December 22, of Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Christopher Cooke of Portsmouth, N. H., to Sherrill Slade Rathbun, son of Mr. and Mrs. Granville Rathbun of South Side, Oneonta. Following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Rathbun departed on a wedding trip in the south, returning from which they will be at home at 188 Madison street, Brooklyn.

Mr. Rathbun, whose earlier life was spent in Oneonta, where he is highly esteemed, is a graduate of Cornell university, and now holds an excellent position with the heating and lighting service of the New York Board of Education as mechanical engineer in charge of construction work. His bride is a graduate of the North Carolina College for Women and has lately been in the service of the Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C. She is a native of Georgia, where, and in North Carolina, she has prominent family connections. Many Oneonta friends will extend congratulations and best wishes to groom and bride.

Purchases Main Street Property.

Thomas Lord of 28 Luther street has purchased the residence at 17 Main street owned by Mrs. Helen Mayo.

Christmas at Hays' Market.

Phone 352 and ask about our spring turkeys and large roasting chickens, Blue Point oysters, Darby's rose celery, figs, dates, Emperor and Malaga grapes, fancy Northern Spy apples, sweet potatoes, mixed nuts, ribbon candy and DelMonte canned pineapple. advt 2t

Do Not Forget—Regular dance Christmas eve; also special dance Christmas night at Dreamland. advt 3t

Blend your meal into a harmonious whole. Drink Uwa tea with it. advt 1

Good News For The Eleventh Shoppers

A shipment of Leather Novelties has arrived, which should have been here several days ago. In order to dispose of them quickly, we have placed the entire lot in the dry goods section and will offer them today at practically wholesale cost. The lot includes Handbags, Collar Bags, Travelling Sets, Card Cases, Playing Cards in Cases, Music Rolls, Pocket Books, in fact nearly every leather novelty manufactured.

For The Late Shopper

Our entire departments still offer as nearly as good selections as at any time during the season. We would call your attention to the new lot of Handkerchiefs.

Of Course You Will Want Candy

This Department can supply all your candy needs; and Our Grocery Department can supply all your table needs.

Oneonta Dept. Store

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ONEONTA

NEW YORK

PERSONALS

Miss Julia Vogue of Troy is visiting St. James' rectory.
Miss Ruth Sharp of Unadilla was in the city yesterday on shopping errands.
Hon. Charles C. Flacoch of Unadilla was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

Mrs. Beulah Barrett of this city is spending the holidays with her sister in Troy.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Brown of Cooperstown were among the shoppers in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Lippincott and family of Schenectady were business callers in this city Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Norton, 22 Cherry street, left for Gloversville to spend a few days with their son.

A. D. Warner, who had been in Oneonta for a day or two on business, returned to Schenectady Tuesday.

Miss Frances Satterlee, 87 Elm street, left Tuesday for Victory Mills to spend the holidays with her people.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haskins and family, Chestnut street, left Tuesday for Albany to spend the day on business.

W. A. VanAuken left this city last evening to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in Ithaca and Rochester.

J. E. Tilley of this city left last evening for Jacksonville, Florida, where he will spend the balance of the winter.

Mrs. Martha M. Strong, Spruce street, left Tuesday for East Orange and New York to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. Herman Peterson and Mrs. Otson Joslin, both of Bloomville, were in the city yesterday shopping and calling on friends.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Avery, 93 Chestnut street, left Tuesday for Cooperstown Junction to attend the funeral of Hamilton Barnes.

Mrs. Orin Foster of East Worcester, who had been visiting at the home of C. M. Gage, 240 Chestnut street, returned home Tuesday.

Teddy Mooney left this city yesterday morning for Fulton and Syracuse where he will spend two weeks with friends and relatives.

Henry Saunders is spending a few days at the home of his son, Hugh, in Newark, N. J. He expects to return home early next week.

Mrs. Harold Stoddard and son of Cooperstown were in this city Tuesday on the way to Unadilla to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Orson Loveland of Hobart are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Loveland, 36 High street, over the holidays.

Mrs. L. Auchepaugh of Worcester, who had been visiting Miss Alice Mattee and Mrs. F. H. Breese in this city, returned home Tuesday.

Harry G. Munn of Treadwell was a guest at the Windsor last night while on his way home from a business trip to spend the holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce B. Griffin of Rock Hill, South Carolina, arrived in Oneonta last evening to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Fritts and son, 22 Ponda avenue, left Tuesday for Galeton, Pa., to visit at the home of Mrs. Fritts' parents over the holidays.

K. P. MacKenzie of Fort Alfred, Province of Quebec, Canada, arrived Tuesday in this city to spend the holidays with his family at 9 Center street.

Mrs. Walter Talmadge, 143 Main street, and Mrs. Edward Hancock and children, 41 Center street, left Tuesday for Binghamton to spend the day on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Fisher of Cooperstown were in this city Tuesday on their way to Albany to visit at the home of their son, Stanley Fisher, over the holidays.

Mrs. Charles Flaherty and sons, who had been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Oulmette, Maple street, returned Tuesday to their home in Plattsburgh.

Miss Nellie Waterman and daughters, Elizabeth and Margaret, 3 Fourth street, left Tuesday for Cooperstown Junction to attend the funeral of Hamilton Barnes.

Miss Flossie Loveland, teacher at Schenectady, arrived in this city Tuesday to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Loveland, 36 High street, over the holidays.

Mrs. Elizabeth Donaldson of Saquoahanna, who had been visiting at the home of Mrs. L. M. Williams, 57 Maple street, left Tuesday for Albany to spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. William Babcock.

Miss Effie E. Covey leaves this morning for West Point, where she will meet her son, Kenneth S. Covey, of Smyrna, Delaware. They will spend Christmas with her, younger son, Paul R. Covey, who is a cadet at the military academy.

Mrs. W. J. Kuchoff of 112 Walling avenue, this city, left yesterday on a trip to the Pacific coast. She will be absent two or three months, spending most of her time in California and expects to make the homeward journey by the northern route.

Kenneth F. Folgreen arrived from the west yesterday to spend the holidays with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Ford, 26 High street. Mr. Folgreen has been employed for the past year as chemical engineer for the Metropolitan City water service at Omaha, Nebraska. He expects to return about the New Year.

Harold W. White and wife of Woodbine, Iowa, who had been visiting at the home of Roscoe C. Briggs, 276 Main street, and at the home of Granville Rathbun, South Side, left Tuesday for Franklin to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives, leaving thence for an extended tour of the south, stopping on the way at New York, Washington and other cities.

To the praise which can be heaped upon a man, there is a limit; but to the praise that can be heaped upon Oneonta coffee there is no limit. Try it yourself, and see. advt 6t

REAL ESTATE CHANGES.

John S. Lauren Buys the Residence of A. J. Bush at 51 Center Street.

John S. Lauren has purchased of A. J. Bush the desirable residence at 51 Center street, acquiring in addition in large part the furnishings of the house. Possession is to be given on January 1. Mr. Bush, it is understood, will make his headquarters with his daughter at Bridgeport, Conn., although his duties will take him away much of the time. Oneonta will regret to lose so good a citizen. Mr. Lauren will, it is expected, soon take possession of the property acquired, upon which Mr. Bush has made many improvements since he purchased it. Mr. Lauren's plans for the property at the corner of Elm and Center streets, which he now occupies, are not announced.

Frank M. Buck has purchased of Mrs. Perry D. Blend and the other heirs of her late husband the house and lot at 53 Clinton street, and will occupy it as a home.

Martin T. Hunt of Fairview street has purchased of Leonard B. Ecker-son of Westford, formerly of this city, the double house at the corner of Watkins avenue and the single house adjoining it on Fairview street. It is understood to be the intention of Mr. Hunt at a later date to occupy one portion of the double house as a residence.

Edward R. Preston recently bought of Elmer C. Sloan a house and lot on Lower Chestnut street which he has occupied some time as a tenant and which he now will have as a permanent home.

Leet R. Hilsinger has purchased of Fred M. Baker a vacant lot on Duane street and will not unlikely at a later date build a house thereon.

Former Oneonta's Auto Deal.

Roy W. Whipple, formerly of Oneonta but for a long time a resident of Binghamton and agent for the Packard cars in that section, has sold his agency to the Stowell Motor Car Co., Inc. of Syracuse, which will take over not only his business but also that of Charles E. Sweet, the Binghamton agent of the Hudson. Mr. Whipple states that hereafter he will devote his energies to his automobile accessory business, which has grown by leaps and bounds during the past two years.

Under new management the East End Wet Wash Laundry has been remodeled and will begin to do first class work this morning, Dec. 15. Phone No. 394-J. advt 2t

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RETAIL MILK PRICES.

At Present Prices the Cheapest Food People Buy.

No only in New York city but in Oneonta and doubtless elsewhere one hears frequent complaint relative to the price paid for milk at retail. The thoughtful should stop before wholesale denouncement is made of the producer and retailer and ask if milk even at present prices is extremely high. True, milk is costing more in this city than it formerly did, but who is there that would change back to the old days when there were no regulation of dairies, no restrictions as to the manner in which it is peddled, when it was dipped from the big cans and could be depended upon often to sour before night and when its taste was spoiled by improper methods about the stables? How can we in Oneonta or in New York city expect to be constantly adopting regulations which impose additional costs along the line from the time the calf is born until the milk is delivered at your doorstep in time for breakfast and not expect to pay an increased price?

When one stops and considers that a quart of milk is produced under sanitary conditions, and at a large outlay of cost and laborious work, is cooled at once, pasteurized, put into a clean bottle, shipped often hundreds of miles, meanwhile kept cool and delivered during the night in such condition that it will keep two or three days and is sold in this city at 13 cents and in New York from 14 to 17 cents, must it not be admitted that such a quart of milk represents something in food value and in service for which the consumer must and should expect to pay?

Then, too, when one considers the nutritive value of the said quart of milk compared with what the same number of pennies will buy in meat, vegetables, eggs, fruit or bread, regardless of the care required by city and state regulations in its production and handling, it must be admitted that milk is relatively an inexpensive food even at present prices. Let us be fair to the milk producer and why not to the milk distributor?

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the neighbors and friends, for their kindness and sympathy during the sickness and after the death of our loved one, also for the beautiful floral pieces from the organizations and neighbors.

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Women and Children Rule Alaska Island

Juneau, Alaska.—More man has little voice in governing affairs on Eskimo inhabited Little Diomed, one of the Diomed Islands that are cut in two by the international boundary line across the Bering sea between Alaska and Siberia.

Women and children do most of the ruling, according to report reaching the Alaska territorial bureau of publicity here. Before a man can make a purchase he must get his wife's consent. If a mother is living with a married son or daughter her consent must be obtained. Wealth is estimated in skins and the rich provide for the poor.

ADVERTISES HE IS KISSER

California Woman Balks and Her Plea for Divorce is Readily Granted.

Oakland, Cal.—Because her husband advertised he was a kisser, a hagger and a wholesale dealer in love, Mrs. Maud Cords, 1505 Grant avenue, has secured a divorce from Alfred Cords.

"Alfred Cords, wholesale dealer in love, kisses and up-to-the-minute hugs," was the way Cords' business card read.

Mrs. Cords submitted one of the cards to the court and testified that the advertising had helped to make her husband very popular with other women.

Mrs. Cords told the court she had met her husband on the street with another woman and that the woman told her she was going to marry Cords. Judge Stanley A. Smith granted Mrs. Cords a divorce, which was uncontested.

Goes Armed to Church.
Kansas City.—Frank Darms, of Kansas City, Kan., a negro, started to church Sunday morning armed with a revolver and a razor just to "meet a friend," he said. It cost him \$50 in the Kansas side court. "He done me wrong," Darms told Judge A. L. Harrod. "Ah couldn't find him all day Saturday, but Ah knew he'd go to church last night. Ah took the gun and razor along for protection." "Fifty dollars will do, Darms," said the judge.

Laundry Dries Fruit.
Drying fruits and vegetables is now a laundry by-product. The mechanical driers are thus made use of when not otherwise employed.

TURKS' FINANCES RASICALLY SOUND

Impression to Contrary Before War Said to Have Been Artificially Created.

FOREIGN FINANCIERS PROFIT

Revenues Shown to Be Already Adequate to Conduct the Old Government—Large Sum Squandered on Harem and Palaces.

Constantinople.—American experts who have investigated the financial condition of the former Ottoman empire say they are convinced that it is fundamentally sound. Several considerations are advanced to support this conclusion.

First, it is stated that the popular point of view that Turkey was bankrupt before the war was partly created artificially for the benefit of foreign financial interests with the object of frightening other would-be investors, and for political reasons of establishing spheres of influence.

The fact that Turkey was always able to secure loans is cited as evidence of her financial soundness, though against this may be advanced the observation that she was a political center coveted by many powers who were played, the one against the other, and that financial considerations were sometimes subordinated to political purposes.

Turkey Did Not Default.
It is pointed out that Turkey did not default on her indebtedness in recent years, but funds for the payment of interest and amortization were continually increasing and doubling at the rate of every 15 years. The revenues of the country as a whole were increasing at the normal natural rate of other prosperous countries in Europe.

An enormous percentage of revenue never reached the treasury, the loss being estimated by some as high as 50 per cent. This was partly ascribed to the system of farming out the taxes by districts, collectors paying in advance a certain sum and then collecting what they could.

For Americans who are considering the mandate question or of doing business here under whatever government is established, it is pointed out that the above facts show revenues adequate to conduct the old government, and that with good government the old Ottoman empire would have been financially strong.

Before the war foreign investments amounted to the equivalent of \$1,078,000,000, of which \$753,200,000 was in the public debt or loans to the government, the difference in private enterprises and concessions.

The bulk of these investments was in loans to the government. What was done with this money? Many of the loans were issued below par, so that all of the money never reached the treasury. Enormous commissions are believed to have been paid to European bankers and in "gratifications" to various local ministers to get their support for the loans. Sums that did reach the treasury are said to have been squandered on palaces, harems and in other unproductive ways.

So the loans did not, on the whole, create sources of new revenue, and therefore the public debt continually increased.

Spheres of Influence.
The object of such loans, it is stated, was partly with the political intent of making Turkey default so interested powers could take over her finances and control the country, as was done in 1881. This led to the creation of loose spheres of influence, Germany taking Asia Minor, the French, Syria, with the Italians wanting the province they at present occupy, and the British and the Russians seeking Constantinople. In the council of administration of the Ottoman public debt, which continued until the war and has been resumed in some fashion, there was one Englishman, one Frenchman, one German, one Austrian and one Italian, with the presidency alternately occupied by an Englishman and a Frenchman.

The conclusion of the investigators is that if the investments had been made for productive enterprise and had created sources for meeting interest and the debt, it would have been child's play to carry the debt and pay it off. However, as the debt was lowered, in spite of the above attempts, additional loans were made. Not all of the sums borrowed by the government were wasted; for example about \$30,000,000 was used to help build the Bagdad railway. Although the Germans would have built the line with their own money, they actually got Turkish money to finance what they considered a German enterprise.

Roman Waterworks.
We are accustomed to think of running water in houses as a modern luxury. New York city did not have it until 1776, when a reservoir was constructed east of Broadway, into which water was raised by pumping it from wells dug for the purpose. But that was a very primitive arrangement. In the opinion of a writer in the Youth's Companion, compared with the system of ancient Rome, by which water was brought from great distances in aqueducts that were marvels of engineering and that emptied through lead pipes into thousands of tanks of hewn stone.

Speeds Building.
Norwegian builders have developed a method of construction for temporary structure in which netting made of wooden rods is fastened to the uprights, bound together with wire, and covered with plaster.

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

Holly Wreaths Help to Make the Home Cheerful—How to Keep the Tree Bright and Green.

It is not Christmas without a big, gorgeous, glittering Christmas tree and plenty of greens hung wherever possible.

Of course you have your tree chosen and ready for its great purpose. When it's time for cutting, invite your boy and girl friends to help, and make the bringing in of the Christmas tree a real ceremony. In England this is one of the big events for young and old.

The kind of tree to be used depends upon where you live. Red cedar, white pine, spruce, fir or hemlock are all good. To keep the tree bright and green set it in a deep bucket or low barrel, brace and fill the space between the tree and bucket or barrel with coal. Then pour in water until the receptacle is full.

Every home should be decorated at Christmas. Gather holly for wreaths, make ropes of laurel, and have several bowls filled with partridge berries. Mistletoe is beautiful and can be found as a growth on the top of sweetgums, live oaks and other deciduous trees in the territory south of New Jersey, southern Indiana and Missouri, and in Oregon and northern California. Other fine plants for decorating are Christmas fern and polypody. Black alder and holly or inkberry can also be used. Every district has some special green that is adaptable for decorating. In gathering greens, never destroy the plants; cut and pick carefully and the growth will not be injured.

THE BIRDS' CHRISTMAS TREE.

To make a birds' Christmas tree, take an evergreen, if possible, but any kind of tree will do if you tie sheaves of wheat, corn-stalks and evergreen branches all over it to make it dense. If it is a large tree, plant it securely in a partially protected place. A smaller tree can be put on the feeding shelf outside your window. Hang on it wire baskets filled with suet, boxes with fronts removed, containing nut meats, millet, sunflower-seeds, wheat, cracked corn, bread-crumbs, rolled oats, etc. Coconut shells cut in half and filled with dainties that the birds love can also be hung from the branches. Have several shelves on which place apples, lettuce, cabbage and vegetables.

A New Language.
A strong movement is on foot for recognition of Provencal, the language of southern France, as a distinct tongue from French.

No Rent to Pay.
There is a city on the coast of southern California which is wholly built on stilts and where no rent is paid.

BRITISH MOSLEMS PROTEST

Held Day of Fasting Over Threatened Loss of Turk Sultan's Power.

Bombay, British India.—Mahomedan communities in numerous centers in India observed a day for prayer and fasting as a protest against the threatened dismemberment of Turkey and the removal of the holy places of Islam from the Ottoman caliph's control. In Bombay business was virtually at a standstill, all the principal markets being closed. At a great meeting of Moslems a resolution was adopted embodying their anxiety over the situation.

His Intentions All Right.

Batesville, Ark.—Thirty-six years ago Charles Mosby, now a local jeweler, extended credit to a negro, then in his employ, for a ring which the negro wished to give to his bride. Soon afterward Mr. Mosby moved to one town and the negro to another, and the negro did not pay for the ring. This week the negro came to Batesville, hunted up Mr. Mosby and offered to pay for the wedding ring which his wife had been wearing for thirty-six years. Mr. Mosby refused to accept the money, but instead gave the negro another ring as a reward for his good intentions.

World's Gayest City.
Cologne.—Many cities in Europe are now given up to festivity, but Wiesbaden is the gayest city in the world. Enormous sums are spent upon decorations, \$12,500 recently on flowers for the famous ballroom in the Kurhaus for one evening.

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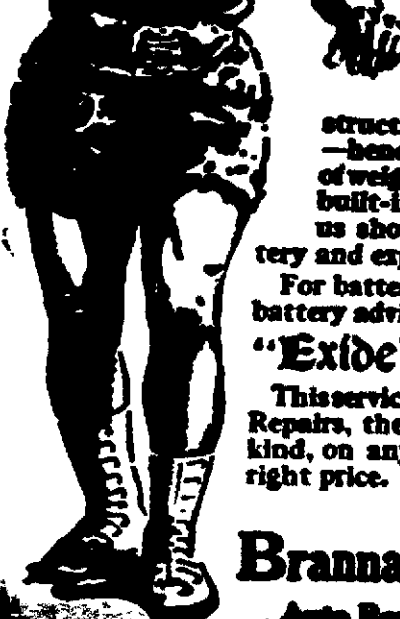
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MISS MAUDE YOUNGER



Miss Maude Younger is secretary of legislative committee for the women's party of which Miss Paul is chairman. Of independent means, Miss Younger devotes her entire time to speechmaking, lobbying in Washington for the ratification of the suffrage amendment. She spent five years in the college set, New York, where she was elected to suffrage through her close work with the laboring classes.

SURE DIGGER WINS SUIT

Jersey Preacher Doesn't Have to Pay Farmer \$5,000 on Note, Says Court.

erson, N. J.—Frederick Loehrs, of the Congregation of Enlightenment of Soul and Spirit, will not be ordered to pay \$5,000 for the privilege of digging up a farm in quest of treasure. A jury in the circuit court here dismissed the suit of him on grounds of "no cause of action."

plaintiff was Daniel Balsinger, who had loaned Loehrs \$5,000 note. The pastor testified that he had told him of a conversation in which he had with a woman, in which she recounted a dream in which \$2,000,000 worth of jewelry and was buried on Balsinger's farm.

land, N. J. pastor agreed to buy the farm, and gave Balsinger \$20 in and the note for \$5,000. Then of Mrs. Sophie Sautter, treasurer of congregation, and Mrs. Marie er, secretary, dug and dug in for the valuables.

Saved \$82,000 in Eight Years. Pils of Public School 14, in New city, have saved more than \$82,000 in the eight years that a savings has been a part of the institution. The school is located in one of poorest sections of the city.

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Recovering From Disturbance of Commerce Caused by War.

MORE FOODSTUFFS RAISED

Explorers Discover Facts That Will Greatly Interest American Business Men—Conditions in Rubber Business Bringing About Development of Other Natural Resources—See Bright Future for Amazon Cotton.

Business conditions in the Amazon valley are beginning to recover from the disturbance of commerce caused by the war.

Rubber estate owners and business men generally realize that the competition of oriental "plantation" rubber, which has forced the market price of that article down to about the actual cost of gathering "wild" Amazon rubber, is really a blessing in disguise, since it is bringing about the development of the other natural resources left untouched so long as rubber monopolized all attention in the valley. Foodstuffs that used to be imported from abroad, or from other parts of Brazil, are now being raised locally.

Long Trip by Americans.

A party headed by Henry S. Fleming of New York, which has been investigating the commercial possibilities of the Amazon valley, has returned to Para, Brazil, after a two months' tour of the Amazon and some of its principal affluents, nearly 8,000 miles of the rivers being covered in the course of the trip. Mr. Fleming is receiver of an American company with extensive docking, shipyard and navigation property at Para.

The main river was ascended for over 2,500 miles, as far as Iquitos, Peru, and also the Javary, Purus, Negro, Xingu, Moju, Tocantins and other rivers for varying distances. A vast amount of valuable information and data has been gathered as a result, which is being placed, free of charge, at the disposal of American manufacturers, importers, exporters and others interested in the development of the Amazon valley.

Many inquiries have recently been made by Americans seeking information regarding lands available for cattle raising, grain growing and minerals, which indicates an awakening interest in the United States in regard to the Amazon country. According to Mr. Fleming, the most encouraging sign noted on the trip was the increase in the production of foodstuffs of all kinds. Mandioca, corn, sugar cane, rice, beans, bananas, melons, fruits of many species and occasionally tobacco and cotton have been planted in small patches along the river banks near the towns and settlements.

Before the war practically all foodstuffs had to be imported, as the wages paid rubber gatherers were so high as to make labor unavailable for agricultural work. Most of this planting is done on the low-lying banks of rivers, and at least two crops of corn, beans, mandioca, etc., are gathered between floods.

One of the staple products most affected by the rubber boom was cacao. When labor was attracted by the lure of high wages most of the large cacao plantations had to be abandoned; today they are being cleaned and restored and new trees are being planted.

Future for Cotton.

Local cotton men are optimistic as to the future of Amazon cotton, which is said to be of excellent quality and long staple. There are immense areas throughout the Amazon valley suitable for cotton growing and in many places, notably Iquitos (Peru), Santarem, Monte Alegre, this is now being produced in increasing quantities. Last year was the first that any concerted effort was made to grow cotton, but the idea seems to have taken on with many land owners.

The Amazon valley is said to be the greatest undeveloped region in the world today. On every side there are natural resources of immense value with commercial possibilities which are as yet untouched. The soil is said to be extraordinary fertile. The forests offer woods in inexhaustible variety, many of them cabinet woods of rare value. Of vegetable oil nuts a tenth part only is known to the outside world.

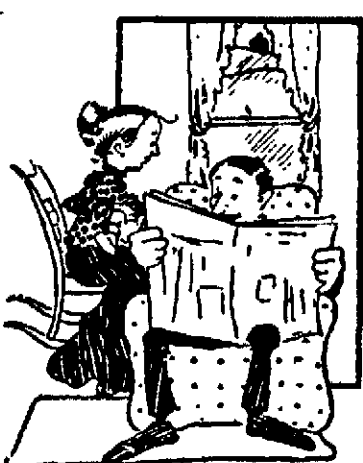
Raisins, gums, spices, medicinal plants and fibers abound in infinite variety. Kapok grows along the banks of most of the main rivers, but not a pound of it is exported to the United States, although America imported 7,000,000 pounds last year from faraway Java. There are mineralized areas said to contain coal, iron, gold, silver and precious metals of many kinds. They have not yet been prospected.

\$11,861 From Eleven Acres. Yakima, Wash.—When John G. Hartman got out his sale slips for fruit sold by him from the old C. S. Reed tract near this city and figured up what he had received for his crops he found the total was \$11,861 for the 11 acres.

Pears of several varieties were the largest item, amounting to \$4,900. There were nearly \$2,000 worth of peaches, \$1,250 from prunes, and smaller amounts from grapes, plums and cherries.

Names of Countries Ending in "ia." These names are of Latin origin: Britannia, Germania, Belgica, Hispania are old Latin names for England, Germany, France and Spain. The names of countries in Latin were of the feminine gender and the nouns ending in "ia" are feminine.

NEEDLESS PRECAUTION.



Hubby—It's all rot and nonsense to try to make children believe there's such a character as Santa Claus. They ought to be taught better.

Wife—Our children don't need to be taught better. They know there's no Santa Claus in this house.

Fecundity of Fish.

The most prolific fish is the cod, the yield of which averages about 45,000,000 eggs each season. Many other kinds of fish are exceedingly prolific. More than 36,000 eggs have been counted in a herring, 38,000 in a smelt, 1,000,000 in a sole, 1,120,000 in a roach, 3,000,000 in a sturgeon, 546,000 in a mackerel, and 1,357,000 in a flounder.

The Day We "Ate."

In other words, Christmas is the day where we shall celebrate, masticate and bicarbonate, and the next day we shall meditate.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING URGED ON METHODISTS

New York.—Collective bargaining "as an instrument for the attainment of industrial justice," is recommended in a report by the executive committee of the Methodist Federation for Social Service, which requests ministers and members of the church "steadfastly to insist on its application and constantly to promote in the Christian spirit discussion of the methods by which it might be applied."

Posed as Man for Years.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Cora Anderson, who for 13 years lived here as a man, received a dismissal of her vagrancy case from Judge Page. Cora has been on probation for 90 days following a charge of a man that she and another woman had stolen \$40 from him. Cora, married this time as a woman, has been living at No. 709 State street. While masquerading as Ralph Kerwin for 13 years she was successfully the "husband" of two women, one white, one colored.

Growing Suspicious.

If anybody tells you that some one else said so, the betting is 50 to 1 that some one else never said any such a thing.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Convincing Argument.

Showman—Walk in, ladies and gentlemen, and see the Aztec giants, descendants of a long-extinct race!

SHOT HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW

Kills Runaway Wife's Parent When She Declines to Act as a Mediator.

Cleveland.—George M. Kauffman of this city shot and killed Mrs. Nettie Hesse, his mother-in-law, at her home in Hagerstown, Md., following a quarrel because she would not aid him in becoming reconciled to his wife, Ella Kauffman. Kauffman surrendered to the police immediately after the shooting and confessed the crime.

According to evidence in the case, Mrs. Kauffman deserted her husband a week before he made the trip to Hagerstown, Md., where he believed she had fled.

Aged Man Wants to Teach.

Enquire, Ore.—Jasper N. Miller, aged 78 years, who crossed the plains to Oregon in 1861, has made application at the office of County Superintendent of Schools E. J. Moore for a certificate to teach school and to take the examination for a certificate. Miller was elected as teacher of the school in district No. 125, on Spencer creek. Miller did not become a teacher until he was 46 years of age. He was a wagonmaker and was working in a shop at McMinnville in 1883, when he entered the McMinnville college and studied for two years.

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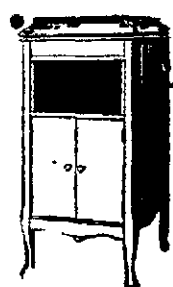
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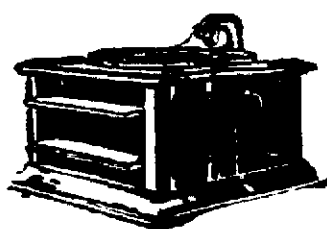
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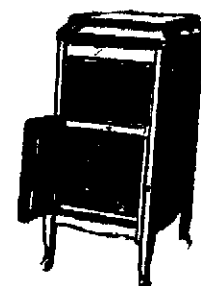
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"This task," says the report, "is so great that it is sufficient to furnish work for every idle man in Europe and for everyone else engaged in superfluous labor."

Overlooked Valuables.

Los Angeles.—Burglars who broke into the Southwest Dairy company's plant early today only got \$300 in cash, overlooking quantities of valuable milk stored on the premises.

Union taxi, phone 250-W, 4 p. m. to 7 a. m. advt 1f

Dining room girl wanted at the Cloverleaf lunch room. advt 3t

FLOWER TWIG KILLS BOY

Enters Nose as He Falls Into Bush and Pierces Brain.

Pheron S. Miller, eleven years old, is dead at his home in Freeport, L. I., of spinal meningitis resulting from the piercing of his brain by a twig which penetrated his nostrils accidentally.

While playing in the yard of his home the boy tripped and fell headlong into a hydrangea bush. A twig whose spray had been broken off, leaving a spike-like projection, was thrust up one nostril and penetrated the interior lobe of the brain. The boy died while an operation for spinal meningitis was being performed.

Under the Holly Bough.

Ye who have scorned each other,
Or injured friend or brother,
In this fast-fading year,
Ye who, by word or deed,
Have made a kind heart bleed,
Come gather here!

Let sinners against and sinning
Forget their strife's beginning,
And join in friendship now.
Be links no longer broken.
Be sweet forgiveness spoken
Under the holly bough.
—Charles Mackay.

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DELAWARE COUNTY NEWS

NORTH KORTRIGHT NOTES.

Sunday School Contributes to Armenian Relief Fund—Xmas Festivities.

North Kortright, Dec. 23. — The touching appeals for contributions to and in alleviating the sufferings of the unfortunate Armenian children has resulted in the North Kortright Sabbath school pledging to help. In addition to the regular contributions, \$5 a month will be raised for this needy cause.

Christmas Celebrated.

The true joy of the Christmas season was fittingly emphasized in Rev. R. H. Jewin's sermon on the sabbath. Wednesday evening the North Kortright congregation and all residents of this community are invited to the house for a social time, and on Christmas day there will be many family dinner parties.

Oneonta Gains Again.

This community is again the loser to Oneonta in the removal of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hendry, highly esteemed residents of the place, who have purchased a house in Oneonta, corner of Reynolds avenue and Church street.

May Make Cheese.

It is reported that the Blake creamery at Kortright Station will soon be opened by an Italian firm, which will engage in the manufacture of cheese.

Miss Cole Recovering.

Miss Naomi Cole, who recently underwent an operation for the relief of appendicitis in Fox Memorial hospital, is making a good recovery and has returned to her home in Gilboa.

DAVENPORT CENTER NEWS.

Ladies Aid Elects New Officers — Local Mention.

Davenport Center, Dec. 23. — The Ladies Aid society, which met at the home of Mrs. E. B. Dayton last Thursday evening, was well attended. Receipts for supper were \$3.36. The following officers were chosen for the coming year: President, Mrs. E. B. Dayton; vice-pres., Mrs. R. Barnes; secretary, Mrs. M. C. Hubbard; treasurer, Mrs. E. Davis.

Smith-O'Dell.

Married, at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage, December 18, Edwin Smith and Miss Alice O'Dell of West Kortright.

Notes.

Wednesday evening of this week, Christmas exercises will be held at the Methodist Episcopal church. — The village school has closed for two weeks' vacation. — Walter Gilder-sleeve of Oneonta was a guest Sunday of his mother, Mrs. Marvin More. — Mrs. W. W. Blencoe was a week-end guest of friends in Oneonta.

SHOWER GIVEN FOR BRIDE.

Mrs. Harry Hunt, Popular Delhi Girl, Honored at Surprise Party.

Delhi, Dec. 23. — About 30 friends of Mrs. Harry Hunt, nee Louise Loucks, gathered at the home of Mrs. Fred Gregory on Monday evening and gave her a surprise shower in honor of her recent marriage. The rooms were tastefully decorated for the occasion with evergreens and the happy event proved a complete surprise. The bride received a variety of gifts, including linen, china, and cut glass. Delicious refreshments were served the company. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt expect to make their home in Norwich after January 1st, and the best wishes

of their many friends will go with them.

Death Claims Two Well Known People

The funeral of Mrs. Hannah Scott, who died last Thursday at her home in Bloomville, was held from the Methodist Episcopal church Monday. Mrs. Scott had been a sufferer for years from rheumatism and leaves to mourn her death a husband and five sons.

Word was received Monday of the death of James Sifers in Syracuse. Mr. Sifers was a former resident of this village and was well liked by all who knew him. He was a cripple but music seemed to be born in him and everyone delighted to hear him play. His remains were brought here today for burial in Woodland cemetery.

Here and There About Town.

Miss Florence Waugh is spending Christmas at her home in Connecticut. Mrs. Ralph Cavan is taking her place in Russell Archibald's office. — "Dick" Landon, who is in the navy, is home for the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. O. Landon. — Mrs. Agnes Andrews went to New York today to spend Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Edward Kells. — Jay Stern of Hancock was a caller in town on Monday. — Mrs. J. H. Arbuckle went to Oneonta today for a shopping trip. — Mrs. William Dillon is assisting in Stern's store during the holidays. — The Baptist church had their Christmas exercises and supper on Monday evening.

HEARD AT GRAND GORGE.

Grand Gorge, Dec. 23. — Harold Draffen, a student at New York university, is spending the holidays with his parents in this village. — Eugene B. Deyoe, president of the First National bank, left Sunday evening for New York city for a few days' stay. — Rev. Earle N. Hubbard, a former pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church here, now pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Margaretville, was in town a short while yesterday renewing old acquaintances. Mrs. E. B. Deyoe, accompanied the Rev. and Mrs. Hubbard to Oneonta and return by auto. — John M. Cronk has filled his icehouse with a fine quality of the crystal fruit, averaging a foot in thickness. — Irving Guthrie, a student at Troy Polytechnic Institute, is spending the holidays with his parents. — Elmer McEwan returned Friday from Margaretville, where he had been attending a sale held by his brother in that place, last week. — A large and attentive audience attended the Christmas entertainment held in I. O. O. F. hall Saturday evening, over \$24 being the door receipts. — Wednesday evening, the Methodist Episcopal church will hold their Christmas exercises. Of course it goes without saying Santa Claus will be on hand and hand out presents. — At the "Harleyquin" social and supper last Friday night, over \$60 was realized for the Christmas presents for the Sunday school. This social was given by the Men's Bible class and much credit is due them for the fine supper they served, as well as for the entertainment.

ABOUT TREADWELL PEOPLE.

Treadwell, Dec. 23. — Jack Thayer and Arthur Stearns, who have been visitors at W. G. Stoddart's returned to their homes in Brooklyn Monday. — Dr. S. Sanders and family left Sunday for a few days' stay at the former's home in Virginia. — Mrs. Ward Barlow was operated upon yesterday at the Delhi hospital and is gaining nicely. — Mrs. J. H. Graham has for Christmas guests her daughter, Mrs. William Webb, and grandchildren, Letha, Eldra and Emil McMullen of Cortland. — Miss Elizabeth Lawson of Rockville Center, L. I., is spending her vacation with her mother. Miss Jessie is expected to arrive Wednesday. — Henry Jester went to Norwich last week to consult an oculist. — Misses Isabelle Barlow, Aida Oliver and Marjorie Greene, students at Delhi, are spending their Christmas vacation at their homes. — Misses Verna Morrison and Ethel Biederman, who are attending school in Franklin, are at home. — Christmas entertainment at the church on Wednesday evening. — T. E. Remington was a business visitor in Franklin Thursday. — Fred Bender and wife entertained a few friends at dinner on Wednesday. — Mr. and Mrs. Ray Palmer of Hancock are guests of E. S. Bell. The two families were in Oneonta Monday. — Mildred Smith of Franklin, a student at the Albany Normal college, is visiting Mrs. William Hotelling.

Mortuary Frankness.

Tomorrow Christmas Shopping Day. Welcome to Our Store. Eugene L. Vesburg, Funeral Director. — [Scranton Republican.]

How We Do Kick.

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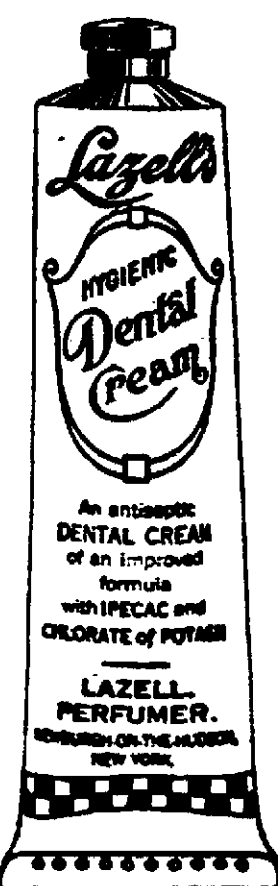
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